

# Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare

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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

## Attention Providers

Providers are encouraged to check the Medicaid Web site weekly at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/). Some late-breaking *Updates* may not have been included in this *Update Summary*.

## Training Sessions in July on Submitting Prior Authorization Requests Via the Web

**To:** County Birth to 3 Programs, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Individual Medical Supply Providers, Medical Equipment Vendors, Nurse Practitioners, Nursing Homes, Occupational Therapists, Opticians, Optometrists, Outpatient Hospital Providers, Personal Care Agencies, Pharmacies, Physical Therapists, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Rehabilitation Agencies, Rural Health Clinics, Speech and Hearing Clinics, Speech-Language Pathologists, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Beginning in the summer of 2004, Wisconsin Medicaid will accept prior authorization (PA) requests via the Web for selected services. Wisconsin Medicaid is offering provider training sessions in July 2004 on submitting PA requests via the Web for the following selected services:

- Birth to 3 therapy services.
- Disposable medical supplies *and* durable medical equipment for orthotics, oxygen, and wheelchair services.
- Physician services.
- Therapy services for spell of illness.
- Vision services.

Registration is required for the training sessions, but there is no registration fee for providers. Seating is limited so providers should register early.

### Web address:

[dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/May\\_2004](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/May_2004)

### E-mail address:

[2004-40@wimedicaid.org](mailto:2004-40@wimedicaid.org)  
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## Advice for Dentists to Avoid Claims Denial and Prior Authorization Returns/Denials

**To:** Dentists, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Wisconsin Medicaid offers advice for dental providers to successfully complete claims and prior authorization requests. This *Update* also includes a list of Medicaid-covered dental services.

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## Income Limits for the Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women and Family Planning Waiver Programs

**To:** Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This *Update* contains the income limits effective immediately for the Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women and Family Planning Waiver programs.

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## Rate Changes for School-Based Services

**To:** School-Based Services Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This *Update* describes changes to the federal share reimbursement rates for school-based services.

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## Modifier Required for Back-up/Secondary Durable Medical Equipment

**To:** Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Individual Medical Supply Providers, Medical Equipment Vendors, Nursing Homes, Occupational Therapists, Pharmacies, Physical Therapists, Rehabilitation Agencies, Speech and Hearing Clinics, Speech-Language Pathologists, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Effective for dates of service on and after June 1, 2004, providers are required to use modifier "TW" when requesting prior authorization and submitting claims for back-up or secondary equipment.

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## Wisconsin Medicaid Allows Modifier with Procedure Codes for Durable Medical Equipment Repair

**To:** Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Individual Medical Supply Providers, Medical Equipment Vendors, Nursing Homes, Occupational Therapists, Pharmacies, Physical Therapists, Rehabilitation Agencies, Speech and Hearing Clinics, Speech-Language Pathologists, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

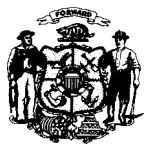
Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2003, providers may use modifier "RP" when submitting claims for miscellaneous repair parts with most wheelchair, hospital bed, patient lift, and commode chair procedure codes.

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## Billing Changes for Free-Standing End Stage Renal Disease Clinics Effective July 1, 2004

**To:** End-Stage Renal Disease Service Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2004, Wisconsin Medicaid will require Free-Standing End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) clinics to indicate on the claim detail the individual dates on which ESRD services are provided.

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## What's New on the Medicaid and BadgerCare Web Sites

**To:** All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

The Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Web sites include provider and recipient publications, contacts and statistics, and eligibility and benefit information.

Providers may visit the Medicaid Web site at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/). The BadgerCare Web site is located at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/badgercare/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/badgercare/).

The following is a list of recently added information:

- Monthly BadgerCare enrollment statistics.
- Monthly caseload statistics.
- May 2004 *Update* articles.

Keep in mind that if you do not have a computer with Internet access, many libraries have access available.

## Obtaining Articles in Full-Text Format

There are two ways to electronically access full-text versions of the articles summarized in this publication: via the Internet or by e-mail.

### Internet

To access the information from the Internet, go to the Web address listed at the end of the article. From these Web pages, providers may print the specific article as well as navigate to other Wisconsin Medicaid publications available on the Medicaid Web site.

### E-mail

To receive an e-mail containing a specific article in Portable Document Format\* (PDF), send an e-mail to the address listed at the end of the article — e-mail addresses are active for six months. This e-mail should not include any text, as the response containing the PDF file is generated automatically. Providers will receive a response, including the PDF file requested, within one business day.

Providers unable to access the articles using either of these automated methods may call Wisconsin Medicaid Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883. Allow seven to 10 days for delivery of *Updates* requested in full-text.

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